

January 2003 Voter's Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting
January 12, 2003

Chairman Nelson Torbeck called the meeting to order and Pastor Keith read selections from Micah, Chapter 7, v. 18 – 20, and First Corinthians, Chapter 13 v. 4, and led those present in prayer. Chairman Nelson Torbeck welcomed Pastor Wohletz to the meeting. The minutes were read and accepted as read. A motion to grant Pastor Simmons and his family a peaceful release to his new congregation received a second and carried. There were no new members.

The treasurer's reports, both quarterly and annual, were given. The auditors reported the books to be in fine shape. A motion to accept both the treasurer's annual report and the auditors' report received a second and carried.

The Elders reported meeting monthly and thanked Pastor Keith for serving as a vacancy pastor. Installation for Pastor Wohletz is set for 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2003. The chairman commended the Elders for a job well done during the vacancy.

The school board inquired about the annual Church picnic. A motion to have the Church picnic on the first Sunday in June received a second and carried. The trustees reported that the carpeting in the parsonage has been finished and that they have a few minor items to complete. They thanked everyone in the congregation for the monetary gifts and the physical help at the parsonage. They have also placed Clorox in the well. The secretary was asked to send a thank you note to Rube's liquor for his donation of communion wine. Chairman Nelson Torbeck thanked the trustees for a job well done.

The Sunday school asked the secretary to write a thank you note to Lisette Ehrat for her help during the Christmas program. The chairman extended a thank you to John Taylor for an excellent Christmas program.

The Bible class thanked the Elders for their help during the vacancy. Their class is growing and they urge more to attend. The Financemen, sexton, and young peoples' group had nothing to report at this time.

A motion to accept the Council's recommendation for special holiday collections received a second and passed. They are:

Ash Wednesday Ft. Wayne Seminary
Second Lenten Service Lutheran World Relief
Third Lenten Service St. Louis Seminary
Fourth Lenten Service Lutherans for Life
Fifth Lenten Service Lutheran School for the Deaf (Jacksonville)
Sixth Lenten Service St. Louis Seminary
Maundy Thursday Ft. Wayne Seminary
Easter Sunrise Service Bethesda

There was a discussion concerning the umbrella liability policy (now \$1 million) of the church. The church could increase its coverage to \$2 million for approximately \$350 per year. After some more discussion, a motion to purchase another \$1 million in liability insurance received a second and carried.

A motion to nominate Pastor Keith for the position of Circuit Counselor received a second and passed. A motion to nominate Keith Torbeck as alternate delegate to the Central Illinois District Convention in Springfield received a second and carried.

A motion to renew support for the Shepherd's Staff computer program for the treasurer received a second and passed. A motion to accept a Resolution for a Housing Allowance for Pastor Wohletz (this resolution will not affect his salary) received a second and carried.

Brian Brown asked for suggestions to increase the number of young people in the youth group. A suggestion of a contemporary service was made.

The minutes were then read and corrections made as needed.

Pastor Wohletz thanked the congregation for the warm welcome he and his family received.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Gale Meseke, secretary